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PAYROLL LETTER # 02-014 CIVIL SERVICE ONLY

TO: All Agencies in the Uniform State Payroll System

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RE: INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY LEAVE SUPPLEMENTATION (IDL/S) CALCULATOR

This letter identifies a new IDL/S Calculator "Exception Condition" for the 2001 tax year, which requires manual calculation to compute supplementation gross and leave credit amounts. It also reiterates the IDL/S Calculator "Exception Conditions" applicable to all tax years.

2001 TAX YEAR EXCEPTION CONDITION

During 2001, the Federal annualized tax-withholding rates changed effective January 1 and July 1. In addition to these changes, the Federal flat tax rate decreased from 28% to 27.5% effective August 7, 2001. The IDL/S Calculator considers these tax rate changes and correctly computes the supplementation gross and leave credits for pay with issue dates of January 1 through July 31, 2001 and August 7 through December 31, 2001, by applying the applicable rates. However, the calculator is unable to apply the correct "Mandatory Withholding Factor" for pay with issue dates of August 1 through August 6, 2001, due to the mid-month flat rate change. Calculations for this period must be done manually. (Refer to the Payroll Procedures Manual, Section E 450 for manual calculation instructions.)

IDL/S CALCULATOR EXCEPTION CONDITIONS

The following identifies the "Exception Conditions" applicable to all tax years, where the IDL/S Calculator cannot be used and calculations must be done manually:

- 1) Employees who have premiums locked-in on Employment History that are not subject to retirement but are included in the IDL calculations.
- 2) Employees supplementing premium or shift pay that is not locked-in on Employment History.
- 3) Second half pay period for semimonthly paid employees when the gross subject to retirement for the first half pay period was insufficient to satisfy the full monthly retirement exclusion amount.
- 4) Employees subject to Illinois or New York state tax.
- 5) Daily salary rate employees.
- 6) Retirement Account Code LO and the employee's retirement rate is 0%.
- 7) Employees having more than one salary rate or retirement plan during the pay period.
- 8) Employees who will exceed the Social Security maximum earnings limit in the pay period.

A PPM revision addressing the new 2001 "Exception Condition" will be forthcoming. If you have any questions regarding this Payroll Letter, please contact the Disability Unit Telephone Liaison at (916) 322-3619.